

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MODIFICATIONS OF VISUAL ACUITY
BY THERMAL MEANS

Examiner: David M. Shay

Art Group: 3739

DECLARATION OF DANIEL DURRIE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Daniel Durrie, hereby declare that:

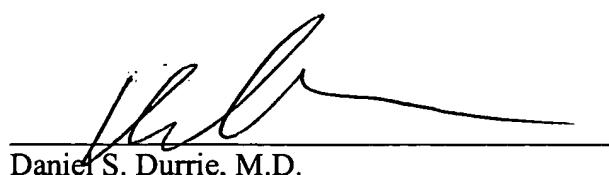
1. I am a practicing ophthalmologist. A copy of my Curriculum Vitae is attached as Exhibit A.
2. I have read the above entitled patent application.
3. I have also reviewed U.S. Patent No. 4, 907,586, issued to Bille et al. ("the Bille patent").
4. It is my opinion that Bille does not disclose a technique for denaturing corneal tissue to reshape a cornea. Bille discloses a procedure whereby corneal tissue is either ablated or changed to a semi-liquid form. It is my opinion that this is not "denaturing" tissue in the context of the above entitled application.

5. I reviewed and agree with the following statement that has been provided to the Patent Office by the Applicant to distinguish the claims of the above entitled application from the Bille patent.

"Bille discloses applying a large amount of energy in the range of 10 megawatts to either fully ablate tissue, or modify tissue into a semi-liquid state. The claims recite denaturing tissue not ablating tissue. The claimed process provides enough energy to change the helical tissue structure without creating damage that causes the body to repair the denatured area. Changing the helical structure modifies the refractive power of the cornea. This is to be distinguished from Bille which discloses changing the tissue into a semi-liquid state. The Applicant contends that changing the tissue to a semi-liquid state will cause the body to repair the tissue back to the original state. This will cause regression in the change of refractive power. Bille does not disclose or suggest to merely denature the tissue."

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Editorial Board, Ocular Surgery News, Refractive Surgery Section Leader
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